

325F.6642 TITLE BRANDING.

Subdivision 1. **Flood damage.** If the application for title and registration indicates that the vehicle has been classified as a total loss vehicle because of water or flood damage, the registrar of motor vehicles shall record the term "flood damaged" on the certificate of title and all subsequent certificates of title issued for that vehicle.

Subd. 2. **Total loss vehicles.** Upon transfer and application for title to all total loss vehicles, the registrar of motor vehicles shall record the term "prior salvage" on the first Minnesota certificate of title and all subsequent Minnesota certificates of title used for that vehicle.

Subd. 3. **Out-of-state vehicles.** (a) Upon transfer and application for title of all repaired vehicles with out-of-state titles that bear the term "damaged," "salvage," "rebuilt," "reconditioned," or any similar term, the registrar of motor vehicles shall record the term "prior salvage" on the first Minnesota certificate of title and all subsequent Minnesota certificates of title used for that vehicle.

(b) The registrar shall mark "prior salvage" on the first Minnesota certificate of title and all subsequent certificates of title issued for any vehicle which came into the state unrepaired and for which a salvage certificate of title was issued.

(c) For vehicles with out-of-state titles which bear the term "flood damaged," the registrar of motor vehicles shall record the term "flood damaged" on the first Minnesota certificate of title and all subsequent Minnesota certificates of title issued for that vehicle.

(d) The registrar shall mark "prior salvage" on the first Minnesota certificate of title and all subsequent certificates of title issued for any vehicle that had a salvage certificate of title issued at any time in the vehicle's history by any other jurisdiction.

Subd. 4. **Reconstructed vehicles.** For vehicles that are reconstructed within the meaning of section 168A.15, the registrar shall record the term "reconstructed" on the certificate of title and all subsequent certificates of title.

Subd. 5. **Manner of branding.** The designation of "flood damaged," "rebuilt," "prior salvage," or "reconstructed" on a certificate of title shall be made by the registrar of motor vehicles in a clear and conspicuous manner, in a color different from all other writing on the certificate of title.

Subd. 6. **Total loss vehicle; definition.** For the purposes of this section, "total loss vehicle" means a vehicle damaged by collision or other occurrence, for which a salvage certificate of title has been issued. Total loss vehicle does not include a stolen and recovered vehicle verified by the insurer who declared the vehicle to be a total loss vehicle unless there is more than minimal damage to the vehicle as determined by the registrar.

Subd. 7. **Dealer disclosure.** If a licensed motor vehicle dealer offers for sale a vehicle with a branded title, the dealer shall orally disclose the existence of the brand in the course of the sales presentation.

Subd. 8. **Flood damage; dealer lots.** If a motor vehicle, which is part of a licensed motor vehicle dealer's inventory, has been submerged or flooded above the bottom of the dashboard while parked on the dealer's lot, the dealer must disclose that fact in writing to any buyer and must orally disclose that fact in the course of a sales presentation to any prospective buyer. The buyer must also disclose the existence of the flood damage in writing to any subsequent buyer.

History: *1989 c 188 s 7; 1993 c 93 s 14-18*